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## An Important EPA RCRA Announcement

This notification is to inform you that a national press conference will occur in late June 1999, to announce implementation of a set of reforms to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Corrective Action (RCRA) program, referred to as the *RCRA Cleanup Reforms*. This announcement will be made in Washington, D.C., by Timothy Fields, Jr., the Acting Assistant Administrator of EPA's Office of Solid Waste & Emergency Response.

The *RCRA Cleanup Reforms* will focus on increasing the pace of cleanup at the 1700+ high priority facilities nationwide. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), with input from many states, has developed a Baseline list in response to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), which requires federal agencies to develop measures for tracking environmental results. This Baseline list will be used to track the progress of EPA, the states, and the listed facilities in accelerating corrective action at the 1700+ sites.

The Reforms are the result of EPA's comprehensive efforts to address the key impediments to cleanups, maximize program flexibility, and spur progress with a set of ambitious national cleanup goals. The goals, set by EPA under the GPRA, are that by the Year 2005, the States and EPA will verify and document that 95 % of the 1700+ high priority RCRA sites have **current human exposures under control**, and 70 % of these sites have **migration of contaminated groundwater under control**. To ensure that these ambitious goals are achieved, the *RCRA Cleanup Reforms* establish aggressive national cleanup targets for each of the next several years.

The national press conference will also identify that your facility, **Ciba Specialty Chemicals RID001194323** is listed as a high priority for cleanup on the RCRA Corrective Action Baseline list of facilities. We recognize that in many cases, EPA Region I has already begun working with facilities to clean up past releases under a RCRA Corrective Action Order or Permit. In some cases, remediation may have already occurred or is currently taking place under the State's direction, or that some facilities may have initiated cleanup on their own, without a formal request from EPA or the State.

If you have not yet begun corrective action at your facility under the direction of EPA or the State, the fact that your facility ranked "high" does not necessarily mean that large-scale remediation will be required. It is the Region's goal to evaluate all Baseline facilities in the near future to determine to what extent cleanup may be necessary.

We are giving you advance notice of the scheduled press conference so that you have the opportunity to prepare for any questions that may arise because your facility is included on the Baseline. Included with this notice is a copy of the Interim-Final Guidance for RCRA Corrective Action Environmental Indicators, dated 2/5/99 and the draft Exposure Pathway Evaluation Work sheet referenced in the guidance. This guidance will be used by the EPA in making determinations regarding whether a facility has met the two Environmental Indicators. Please review the guidance and checklists and if you have any questions, please contact Frank Battaglia at 617-918-1362.

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